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Assembly Bills

Subject:

Bill No: AB 117 (Escutia) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Solid Waste: Demolition or Construction Debris

Intro: Would prohibit, commencing April 1, 1999, the operation of a solid waste facility or operation that handles demolition and construction debris, except as authorized by

Amended: Integrated Waste Management Act (Act) or regulations adopted by the CIWMB. The bill would require the CIWMB to adopt tiered regulations by October 1, 1998, which adopt State

minimum standards for the operation of these facilities.

Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/7/97; taken off

Calendar; held in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 7/15/97.

Bill No: AB 228 (Midgen) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Solid Waste: Tires

Intro: Would add abandonment of tires to the circumstances under which a person can be

2/5/97 convicted of a crime. AB 228 would also allow the CIWMB to obtain access to a site where Amended: tires are unlawfully housed when the situation presents a significant threat to public health

1/22/98 and the environment. Finally, it would allow the CIWMB to designate any city, county, or

city and county, upon request thereby, to exercise enforcement authority and allow

penalties collected to go to the city, county, or city and county.

Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Bill No: AB 376 (Baca) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Public Contracts

Intro: Would require specified public contracts awarded by Caltrans of \$50,000 or over, annually

2/19/97 adjusted to reflect the consumer price index, to be awarded through a publicized

Amended: competitive bidding process involving sealed bids, with each contract being awarded to the

5/30/97 competitive bidding process involving sealed bids, with each contract being aways lowest qualified bidder.

Status: Set to be heard before the Senate Transportation Committee on 3/3/98; taken off calendar.

Bill No: AB 964 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author

Intro: Would require the CIWMB to specify in any contract it enters into for waste tire pile cleanup

2/27/97 that the contractor provide a productive end use for all tires that are cleaned up.

Amended: Additionally, the bill would require the CIWMB, upon the request of the contractor, to permit

1/16/98 a portion of the waste tires (not to exceed 25% of the waste tire pile that the CIWMB

determines by resolution to be too old or contaminated to be put to a productive end use), to be disposed of by landfilling or monofilling. Further, AB 964 would require the CIWMB, as part of its annual Budget request, to allocate among the various purposes authorized by the paving materials statute, the total funds requested for grants, loans, and contracts

under the tire recycling program.

Status: Passed the Assembly Floor (48-24) on 1/28/98; referred to the Senate Rules Committee for

policy committee assignment.

Solid Waste: Tires

Bill No:

AB 1195 (Torlakson) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Hazardous Substances: Liability

intro: 2/28/97 Under the Hazardous Substance Account Act, would require a statement of the reasons for allocating responsibility to each respective potentially responsible party, and an analysis of that allocation, including, but not limited to, specified factors pertaining to the amount of hazardous substance for which the potentially responsible party may be responsible the

Amended: 4/21/97

hazardous substance for which the potentially responsible party may be responsible, the degree of the toxicity of the hazardous substance, the degree of involvement of the potential responsible party, and the potentially responsible party's degree of care and

cooperation with government officials.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Bill No: Subject: AB 1497 (Brown) Sponsor: Author State Agencies: Leasing Real Property

Intro: 2/28/97

Would authorize any state department, board, or commission, subject to approval by DGS, to lease any real property for storage, warehouse, or office purposes, proved that the lease

Amended:

term does not exceed three years and the annual rental does not exceed \$50,000.

1/6/98 Status:

Passed the Assembly Floor (79-0) on 1/28/98; referred to the Senate Rules Committee for

policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

AB 1513 (Cardoza) Sponsor: Thermo-Eco-Teck

Subject:

Income and Bank and Corporation Taxes: Biomass Power

Intro: 2/28/97 Would state intent of the Legislature to develop and implement methods of providing financial assistance to the biomass power industry; provided that the value of the public

Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee (8-0) on 7/16/97; referred to the

Amended:

benefits substantially exceeds the costs of assistance to the industry.

7/23/97 Status:

Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bill No:

AB 1637 (Aguiar) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Administrative Costs: State Government

Intro: 1/5/98 Would require the DOF to certify annually to the Controller that no State entity or State agency withholds more than 5% of any Federal funds, as administrative costs when

administering or allocating Federal funds.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic

Development Committee.

Bill No:

AB 1656 (Ducheny) Sponsor: Assembly Budget Committee

Subject:

1998-99 Budget

Intro:

Would make an appropriation for support of State government for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

1/13/98

Urgency Measure.

Status:

Referred to Assembly Budget Committee

Bill No: Subject: AB 1664 (Murray) Sponsor: Author State Contracts: Participation Goals

Intro:

Would provide for statewide participation goals of not less than 30% for small business enterprises with respect or professional bond services and State contracts, generally.

1/12/98 Status:

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 1699 (Ortiz) Sponsor: Author Subject: Air Pollution: Rice Straw Burning

Intro: Would require the ARB and the air pollution control officers in the Sacramento Valley Air 1/26/98 Basin, in making a determination regarding the maximum allowable acres to be burned

each day, to consider specified factors relating to rice straw burning, and, to reduce, to the maximum extent possible, the number of allowable acres to be burned on any day that the ARB and the air pollution control officers determine to be a marginal burn day. Additionally,

the bill would require the DFA, in cooperation with the State Energy Resources

Conservation and Development Commission, the CIWMB, and the ARB, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a study on ways of ensuring consistency and predictability in the supply of rice straw for cost-effective alternative uses, containing specified information, by

September 1, 1999.

Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 3/16/98.

Bill No: AB 1743 (Runner) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor: Boundary Revisions

Intro: Would expand park properties in the Santa Monica Mountains (Santa Monica Mountains

Conservancy) to include Elsmere and Whitney Canyons and their adjacent watersheds.

Status: Set to be heard before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on 3/16/98.

Bill No: AB 1799 (Migden) Sponsor: City and County of San Francisco

Subject: **Unlawful Dumping: Increased Fines**

Intro: Would increase the fines for unlawful dumping for first and subsequent convictions of the

2/10/98 offense.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

Bill No: AB 1859 (Ackerman) Sponsor: Department of General Services

Subject: Public Works: Insurance and Surety Requirements

Intro: Would authorize a State or public agency to utilize owner-controlled or wrap-up insurance 2/13/98 programs if specified conditions are met and would provide that safety requirements for a

public works project subject to owner-controlled or wrap-up insurance programs may be

developed jointly between a State or public agency and the prime contractor.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Bill No: AB 1912 (Ashburn) Sponsor: Coalition for Preservation of Private Property Rights

Subject: Attorneys' Fees: Prevailing Public Entities

Intro: Would permit the court to award attorneys' fees to a public entity if the public entity is the 2/17/98

prevailing party in an action and if the court finds that an award is appropriate in the interest

of justice.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee. Bill No:

AB 2067 (Cunneen) Sponsors: Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation, WMX Technologies, Evergreen Oil and Safety Kleen

Subject:

Hazardous Waste: State Agency Procurement

Intro: 2/18/98

Among other things would define "recycling" for purposes of the hazardous waste control laws, and would exempt, from the generator fee, recyclable materials that are transported offsite for a permitted hazardous waste facility for purposes of recycling at that facility. Additionally, the bill would require all State agencies to purchase refined automotive lubricant, recycled antifreeze, recycled solvents, and recycled paint. Further, the bill would

lubricant, recycled antifreeze, recycled solvents, and recycled paint. Further, the bill would require, fitness and quality being equal, that all State agencies purchase specified types of recycled products, when the recycled product is available at a cost no greater than the cost of nonrecycled products, including building and construction materials, outdoor furnishings,

indoor furnishings, and landscaping materials.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Bill No:

AB 2179 (Assembly Legislative Ethics Committee) Sponsor: Assembly Legislative Ethics Committee

Subject:

State Agencies: Ethics Orientation

Intro: 2/19/98 Would require each State agency to offer at least semiannually, and certain State officials and employees to attend once every two years, an orientation course on the relevant ethics

statutes and regulations that govern the official conduct of State officials.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

AB 2181 (Firestone) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Solid Waste: Tires

Intro: 2/19/98 Would impose civil and criminal penalties for violation of waste tire law and would specify

that the size of individual pieces of shredded tires deposited in landfills shall not exceed two

inches in length.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

AB 2237 (Escutia) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Protection: Loans and Grants: Environmental Risks Versus Benefits:

Selection Criterion

Intro: 2/19/98 Would require an environmental agency in determining whether to make a loan or grant to a person, public agency, or private business or organization that will be used for purposes relating to the protection, development, enhancement, or conservation of natural resources, to require that an environmental risks versus benefits analysis be included as part of a loan

or grant application.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

AB 2273 (Woods) Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance

Subject:

Electric Utility Rates: Cost-Shifting: Reports

Intro: 2/19/98

Status:

Would require the Secretary of Cal/EPA, in consultation with relevant State and Federal agencies, boards, and commissions, and with representatives of the solid-fuel biomass industry, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a semiannual report, in accordance with a

prescribed schedule, on the existence, status, and progress of any public policy measures for cost-shifting developed pursuant to those provisions.

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2309 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Recycling Reports: Beverage Containers: Cullet

Intro: Among other things, would additionally require the report under the beverage container act to include recommendations regarding enhancing mobile recycling opportunities and a

report on the progress towards achieving maximum use of recycled materials in beverage

container manufacturing.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2353 (Olberg) Sponsor: California Integrated Waste Management Board

Subject: Surety Insurers

Intro: Would authorize a State agency to impose additional or more stringent requirements upon the insurer if they are adopted in order for the State agency to comply with Federal law and

the insurer if they are adopted in order for the State agency to comply with Federal law and would require that any such requirement be complied with before the insurer is deemed

sufficient.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2420 (Olberg) Sponsor: California-Nevada Soft Drink Association

Subject: Processing Fees

Intro: Among other things, this bill would require the DOC to set the recycling cost for PET

2/20/98 containers as \$770 per ton and would delete the repeal of the existing processing fee

calculation provisions.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2432 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author

Subject: State Buildings: Bids

Intro: Would provide that DGS, on or before January 1, 2000, shall required all bids submitted for

2/20/98 the construction or renovation of State buildings that are used, in whole or in part, for State

offices and are constructed by the State or in conjunction with any local or Federal agency, government, or department, to include specified provisions regarding energy efficiency, the use of recycled materials, and the consultation of public resources. Further, the bill would require DGS to adopt appropriate regulations on or before July 15, 1999, to implement

these provisions.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2480 (Prenter) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Economic Development: Funding Source "Hotline"

Intro: Would provide for the establishment and maintenance in State government of an

2/20/98 information data base and telephone "hotline" within an unspecified State agency, for the

purpose of informing businesses and local governments and agencies about grants, loans,

and other sources of funding and assistance that may be available to them.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2503 (Goldsmith) Sponsor: Author

Subject: State Agencies: Continuation

Intro: Would provide that every State agency, except for agencies directly administered by an

2/20/98 elected State officer or an elected governing board or any agency established by the

California Constitution, that existed in State government on or before January 1, 1998, is abolished on January 1, 2005, unless the Legislature, by statute, authorizes continuation of

the agency prior to that date.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2521 (Wayne) Sponsor: California Association of Environmental Health

Subject: Administrators

Solid Waste: Research and Development

Intro: Would include with the authorization for the CIWMB to conduct research and development

2/20/98 programs in cooperation with universities and colleges, that the CIWMB make this

information available to the public through the CIWMB Internet website.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2531 (Cardoza) Sponsor: Stanislaus County

Subject: Solid Waste: Transformation Facilities

Intro: Would provide that if the transformation takes place at the City of Commerce, City of Long

2/20/98 Beach, or the County of Stanislaus transformation facility, the 50% diversion requirement may include up to 25% through transformation for cities, counties, or regional agencies that

used these facilities or before January 1, 1998, subject to specified conditions.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2555 (Aroner) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Solid Waste: Plastic Packaging Utilization

Intro: Would require each producer and packager of plastic packaging material types, as defined,

2/23/98 to ensure that on and after January 1, 2003, not more than 50 percent of its plastic

packaging materials types sold or offered for sale in California becomes waste, that on and after January 1, 2006, not more than 35 percent becomes waste, and, that on and after

January 1, 2010, not more than 20 percent becomes waste.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2625 (Richter) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Training in Government

Intro: Would establish the California Representative Government Institute in State government to

2/23/98 develop and carry out a program of continuing education and training for incoming and

currently serving Members of the Legislature, administrative appointees, and business and

academic leaders.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2644 (Oller) Sponsor: Browning Ferris Industries (BFI)

Subject: Solid Waste Enterprise: Liability

Intro: Would prohibit a local agency from requiring a solid waste enterprise to assume liability for the local agency's failure to meet the solid waste diversion requirements imposed by the

California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, unless that local agency

Camornia integrated waste management Act of 1909, unless that local agency

demonstrates that the local agency's failure to meet those diversion requirements was

proximately caused by the solid waste enterprise.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: AB 2677 (Richter) Sponsor: Browning--Ferris Industries (BFI)

Subject: Solid Waste Enterprise: Liability

Intro: Would prohibit a local agency from requiring a solid waste enterprise to assume any of the

2/23/98 local agency's liability for any action relating to handling solid waste, unless the local

agency demonstrates that the local agency's liability was proximately caused by the solid

waste enterprise.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

AB 2673 (Machado) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Recycling: Postfilled Glass

Intro: 2/23/98

Would require the DOC to reduce the minimum percentage requirement by crediting toward that requirement the tons of postfilled glass used in California for secondary end uses, as

defined, or otherwise diverted, as defined, from the California waste stream.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment

Bill No:

ACA 35 (Goldsmith) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Legislature: Overturning Administrative Records

Intro:

Would authorize the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to reject and thereby render void

2/20.98

any regulation adopted or amend by a State administrative agency.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Senate Bills

Bill No:

SB 2 (Thompson) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Parks and Resources Improvement

Intro:

Would address the critical need for park, recreation, and conservation areas. Urgency

Amended:

Measure.

1/28/98

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Water, Parks

and Wildlife Committee.

Bill No:

SB 130 (Thompson) Sponsor: Senate Budget Committee

Subject:

1997-98 Budget

Intro:

Would make an appropriation for support of State government for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

1/9/97

Urgency Measure.

Amended: 5/28/97

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Budget Committee.

Bill No:

SB 143 (Kopp) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Records

Intro: 1/13/97 Would provide for public inspection of public records and copying of all forms, as specified. The bill would clarify that nothing shall limit the ability of elected members or officers of any State or local agency to access public records permitted by law in the administration of their

Amended: 1/20/98

duties.

Status:

Double-referred to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee and the Assembly

Judiciary Committee.

Bill No:

SB 213 (Kopp) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Legal Services: State

Intro:

Would authorize the Attorney General to limit or condition the purpose and length of State agency use of legal counsel other than the Department of Justice attorneys in judicial

1/28/97 Amended:

proceedings, in addition to merely approving or denying such use.

1/16/98

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Insurance Committee.

Bill No:

SB 216 (Bruite) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring

Intro:

Would make technical changes in provisions relating to the restructuring of the electrical services industry.

1/29/97

Amended:

5/20/97

Status: Referre

Referred to the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Bill No:

SB 412 (Peace) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Contracts: Conflict of Interest

Intro: 2/18/97 Would apply existing conflict of interest provisions generally applicable to State procurement contracts to electronic data processing (EDP) and telecommunications

Amended:

procurements. Urgency Measure.

1/22/98 Status:

Referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic

Development Committee.

Bill No.

SB 436 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Solid Waste: Beverage Containers: Programs

Intro: 2/18/97 Would require the CIWMB, in consultation with the DOC, to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report, not later than July 1, 1998, identifying any duplication or overlap between CIWMB and DOC programs pertaining to public information and education, local government review and assistance, and recycled materials market development. Urgency

Measure.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No:

SB 598 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Audits

Intro:

2/24/97

Would define the term "environmental audit" and would make related legislative findings and

declarations.

Amended:

4/9/97

Status: Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No:

SB 658 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Protection: Peer Review Processes: Report

Intro: 2/25/97 Would require Cal/EPA to annually prepare and submit to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature that review environmental protection bills a report on the status of the implementation of those scientific peer review processes that contain specified

Amended: 1/6/98

information relating to rules that are subject to peer review.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No:

SB 681 (O'Connell) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Beverage Containers: Reporting

Intro: 2/25/97 Would change the reporting period for redemption and recycling rates from six months to one year. Additionally, the bill would change the definition of the glass beverage container recycling rate to include refillable glass beverage containers in both the numerator and

Amended: 1/20/98

denominator of the rate, which will slightly alter current DOC practices.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No:

SB 698 (Rainey) Sponsor: First Brands

Subject:

Plastic Trash Bags

Intro: 2/25/97 Amended:

6/23/97

Would, until January 1, 2001, require every manufacturer that manufactures plastic trash bags of 0.75 mil or greater thickness, sold in California during specified calendar years, to make prescribed calculations pertaining to the total weight of plastic trash bags sold in California, to determine the recycled postconsumer material factor for the manufacturer for

the next calendar year and to certify to the CIWMB that it used the prescribed amount. The bill would require the CIWMB, for every pound of postconsumer material purchased from a source of postconsumer material for use in the manufacture of plastic trash bags, to credit the manufacturer so certifying with having used 1.2 pounds of postconsumer material toward compliance with the certification requirements. The bill would require the CIWMB to submit a

report to the Legislature by April 1, 2000, on, among other things, recommendations regarding recycled plastic postconsumer material content requirements based on the

availability of that material. Urgency Measure.

Failed passage before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (4-1) on 7/7/97; author Status:

granted reconsideration; set to be heard before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee

on 3/16/98.

Bill No:

SB 715 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Quality

Intro:

Would require the Office of Planning and Research, as part of its existing public assistance 2/25/97 and information program to establish and maintain a central repository for the collection, Amended: storage, retrieval, and dissemination of notices of exemption, notices of preparation, notices 5/27/97 of determination, and notices of completion and make the notices available through the

Internet. Additionally, the bill would make policy changes to CEQA.

Status:

Double-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly

Televising the Assembly and Information Technology Committee.

Bill No:

SB 988 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Intro:

Solid Waste Management

2/27/97

Would repeal the Used Oil Recycling Act and the Used Oil Collection Demonstration Grant Program Act of 1990 administered by the CIWMB. Additionally the bill would enact certain

provisions of the Used Oil Recycling Act as part of the California Oil Recycling Enhancement

Act, including provisions that would, among other things, require the CIWMB to: 1) coordinate activities and functions with all other State agencies in information gathering; 2) encourage the purchase of recycled oil products, and 3) encourage the procurement of

rerefined automotive and industrial oils for all State and local uses.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1047 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Protection: Regulatory Implementation

Intro: 2/27/97 Would enact the California Environmental Protection Agency Regulatory Implementation Act

of 1997 without substantive provisions. Urgency Measure.

Amended:

1/5/98

Status:

Double-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly

Televising the Assembly Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1175 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Oil Recycling

Intro: 2/28/97 Would require the purchaser of lubricating oil that is exempt from the \$.16 per gallon amount to give the seller of that oil an exemption certificate declaring that the oil is intended for use

Amended:

in a manner that makes the oil exempt from the fee.

5/20/97

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Floor Inactive File on 9/4/97.

Bill No:

SB 1196 (Leslie) Sponsor: Alpine County

Subject:

Solid Waste Management: Plan: Countywide Siting Element

Intro: 2/28/97 Would exempt Alpine County from the requirement for a countywide siting element and a summary plan content requirements until January 1, 2001, so long as Alpine County meets

Amended:

specified requirements.

7/21/97

Status: Sent to the Assembly Floor Inactive File on 8/29/97.

SB 1304 (O'Connell) Sponsor: State Controller's Office

Bill No: Subject:

State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting

Intro: 2/28/97 Would establish a task force during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 fiscal years to develop a program of training and education to facilitate zero-based budgeting for the 2000-2001 fiscal

year.

Status:

Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (12-0) on 7/14/97; referred to

the Assembly Budget Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1364 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Open Meetings: State Bodies

Intro: 1/5/98 Would make it a misdemeanor for a member of a State body to attend a meeting of that body

in violation of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act with knowledge of the fact that the

meeting is in violation of the act.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1386 (Leslie) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Computer Technology: Information Gathering

Intro: 1/7/98 Would require every State agency that maintains or operates an Internet website that utilizes a device, identifier or other data base application to collect personal information about, compile the usage patterns of, or track the movements of any user who accesses the website, to disclose plain English specified information on the website, including notice to the user accessing the website that he or she has the option of avoiding the collection of

personal information.

Status

Referred to Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1391 (Thompson) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

1998-99 Budget

Intro:

Would make an appropriation for support of State government for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

1/12/98

Urgency Measure.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Budget Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1426 (Johannessen) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Auditor

Intro: 1/26/98 Would require the State Auditor to examine and prepare a report to the Legislature on all State governmental revenue sources to determine how funds that are raised are actually

expended

Status:

Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1609 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Forms: Public Access Telephone Number

Intro:

Would require each State form to include on the form a public access telephone number of

2/12/98

the State agency charged with administering the form.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

SB 1649 (Senate Local Government Committee) Sponsor: Senate Local Government Committee

Subject:

Local Government Omnibus Bill of 1998

Intro: 2/13/98

Among other things, the bill would state that "fee-producing infrastructure project" or "fee-producing infrastructure facility" means that the operation of the infrastructure project or facility will be paid for by the persons or entities benefited by or utilizing the project or facility.

Urgency Measure.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Local Government Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1812 (Hughes) Sponsor: Glass Packing Institute

Subject:

Postfilled Glass: Processing Fees

Intro: 2/18/98 Among other things, would require the DOC to reduce the minimum percentage requirement by crediting the number of the tons of postfilled glass used in California for secondary end

uses or otherwise diverted from the State's solid waste stream as being included in the measurement of tons of postfilled glass used in the manufacturing of glass food, drink, and beverage containers

beverage containers.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

SB 1824 (Calderon) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Used Oil: Recycling

Intro:

Would revise the definitions of the terms "used oil" and "recycled oil."

2/19/98

Status:

Referred to the Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

SB 1924 (McPherson) Sponsor: Author
Hazardous Waste: Dry Cell Batteries

Subject:

Hazardous Waste: Dry Cell Batteries

Intro: 2/19/98 Would exclude from regulation as a non-RCRA hazardous waste and from the requirements concerning spent batteries, a spent dry cell battery containing zinc electrodes, as defined, if

the spent dry cell battery is disposed of in a specified manner or is accumulated for

recycling, subject to specified requirements.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Bill No:

SB 2052 (O'Connell) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Beverage Containers: Processing and Handling Fees

Intro:

Among other things, this bill would repeal the requirement for the DOC to pay curbside

2/20/98

programs a specified per-container rate as of January 1, 2004.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee.

Bill No:

SB 2103 (Haynes) Sponsor: BKK Corporation City of West Covina: Water Utility: Successor

Subject: Intro: 2/20/98

Would prohibit any purchaser or lessee of, or successor to, the water utility of the City of West Covina from prohibiting, taxing, or otherwise restricting the importation, conveyance, or

sale by a retail water supplier of recycled water to, or the use of that water by, a closed

hazardous waste and solid waste facility.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No: Subject: SB 2119 (Hurtt) Sponsor: Unknown **Public Records: Internet Access**

intro: 2/20/98 Would required State and local agencies that are required or directed by the Legislature to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, to place the report on the Internet and to

notify the Legislature by electronic mail via the Internet.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Bill No:

SB 2172 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Solid and Hazardous Waste Classification

Intro:

Would enact the California Solid and Hazardous Waste Classification Reform Act of 1998

2/20/98

and would make a statement of legislative findings and declarations regarding the

identification, classification, and regulation of solid and hazardous waste.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

Bill No:

SCA 13 (O'Connell) Sponsor: State Controller's Office

Subject:

State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting

Intro: 3/17/97 Would amend the California Constitution to require that the budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, and each subsequent fiscal year,

be developed pursuant to zero-based budgeting for each State agency and set forth

performance standards to be applied to those State agencies, together with a mechanism for evaluating whether those standards are satisfied in order to ascertain the effectiveness and

efficiency of each of those agencies.

Status:

Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (11-0) on 7/14/97; referred to the Assembly Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee.

Bill No:

SCR 15 (Peace) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring: Public Utilities Commission Reform Would create the Joint Oversight Committee on Electricity Restructuring and Reform to

Intro: 2/5/97

oversee, until June 30, 1998, the implementation of AB 1890, SB 960, and SB 1322, relating to electrical restructuring and PUC reform.

Amended: 2/20/97

Status:

Passed the Senate Floor (35-0) on 2/27/97; referred to Assembly Rules Committee for policy

committee assignment.

Chaptered Bills

Bill No:

AB 107 (Ducheny) Sponsor: Assembly Budget Committee

Subject:

1997-98 Budget

Intro:

Makes appropriations for support of State government for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Urgency

1/9/97

Measure.

Amended:

8/11/97 Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 8/18/97; Chapter 282, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 170 (Papan) Sponsor: Citicorp

Subject:

Claims Against the State

Intro: 1/28/97 Amended: Enacts the California Prompt Payment Act, which specifies that certain provisions regarding claims against the State may not be waived, altered, or limited by the State agency with respect to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 1998, or the person or business contracting on or after that date with the State agency. This bill provides that these provisions are not to be construed to require a person or business contracting with a State

agency to have to submit a claim or invoice for payment of an interest penalty fee.

Status:

7/1/97

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 8/26/97; Chapter 360, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 178 (Gallegos) Sponsor: Wynn Oil Company

Subject:

Vehicles: Automotive Products.

Intro:

Allows the DFA to grant a variance from the ASTM chloride standard for recycled

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; Chapter 634, Statutes of 1997.

1/29/97

automotive engine coolants or antifreeze.

Amended:

9/8/97 Status:

Bill No:

AB 206 (Hertzberg) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Intro:

Citizen Complaint Act of 1997

2/4/97 Amended: 7/25/97

Enacts the Citizen Complaint Act of 1997, which requires State agencies, including the California State University, that maintain Internet web sites to make plain-language complaint forms available on their Internet web sites by July 1, 1998, or within 6 months of the establishment of a web site, so that residents of the State can register complaints or comment about the performance of a State agency or about individuals licensed by the

State agency.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/22/97; Chapter 416, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 475 (Pringle) Sponsor: California Chamber of Commerce

Subject:

Office of Permit Assistance: Reports

Intro: 2/24/97 Amended: 7/24/97

Requires the Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency, and BOE to submit to the OPA, in the TCA, an annual report of the total dollar amount of fees or charges collected or assessed by each agency and subdivision, starting with calendar year 1999, with all other State agencies to commence reporting in calendar year 2000. Cal/EPA, in consultation with OPA, other State agencies, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee is required to develop a reporting form

no later than July 31, 1998.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/7/97; Chapter 719, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 847 (Wayne) Sponsor: Appliance Recycling Centers of America

Subject:

Discarded Major Appliances: Materials Requiring Special Handling: Hazardous

Waste

Intro: 2/27/97 Provides that a hazardous waste generator is any person who removes from a major appliance any material that requires special handling and is a hazardous waste. It requires the DTSC or its enforcement agency to incorporate the regulation of materials that require applied bandling and are bazardous wastes into existing inspection and enforcement.

Amended: 8/25/97

special handling and are hazardous wastes into existing inspection and enforcement activities. The bill requires the DTSC to transmit a copy of the *Appliance Recycling Guide*, published by the CIWMB, and any other materials determined to be necessary to ensure compliance with the management of hazardous wester removed from discarded.

compliance with the management of hazardous wastes removed from discarded appliances, to specified persons and agencies.

Status: Char

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 884, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 968 (Knox) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Air Pollution: Fine Particles: Monitoring Program

Intro: 2/27/97

Requires the ARB to conduct an expanded and revised program of monitoring airborne fine particles smaller than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM 2.5), and report annually by January 1 to

Amended:

the Legislature on the status and results of the program.

9/2/97

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/29/97; Chapter 518, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 1097 (Brown) Sponsor: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Subject:

Open Meetings

Intro:

Deletes the repeal date of the law that authorizes a State body to hold an open or closed

2/27/97

meeting by teleconference.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 7/8/97; Chapter 52, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 1571 (Ducheny) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Budget Act of 1997: Augmentations

Intro: 3/17/97 Among other things, provides \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Rice Straw Demonstration Project Fund to fund apportionment by the ARB for research, development,

Amended:

or demonstration projects on alternative uses of rice straw. Urgency Measure.

9/12/97

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 928, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

AB 1587 (Committee on Budget) Sponsor: Author

Subject: Intro:

Education Finance

3/17/97

Among other things, provides \$1 million from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for allocation to school districts in the 1997-98 fiscal year to ensure children's safety on school playgrounds and reduce playground injuries by upgrading, refurbishing or replacing school playgrounds and playground facilities. Grants are to be

Amended: 8/28/97

refurbishing, or replacing school playgrounds and playground facilities. Grants are to be awarded in consultation with the DHS and CIWMB (use of recycled materials for equipment).

Urgency Measure.

Status: Line Item Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 889, Statutes of 1997.

Veto by Governor: Although the Governor signed this legislation, he line-item vetoed the section relating to the \$1 million allocation to school districts for upgrading playground facilities. In his signature letter, the Governor stated that, "....Districts have received sufficient one-time revenues to

fund this need from local resources."

Bill No:

SB 90 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Energy Resources: Renewable Energy Resources: Funding

Intro: 12/18/96 Requires electrical corporations to forward revenues derived from the renewable resource technology fee to the CEC for deposit in the Renewable Resource Trust Fund and into accounts in the Fund. Portions of the Fund would be continuously appropriated to the CEC

Amended: 9/11/97

for production incentive payments to biomass, landfill gas, digester gas, whole-waste tires,

and municipal waste-to-energy facilities.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 905, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 95 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Open Meetings

Intro:

Conforms the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, which applies to State bodies, with the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies.

12/19/96 Amended:

8/25/97

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 949, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

Subject:

SB 252 (Kelley) Sponsor: Regional Council of Rural Counties

Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring

Intro: 2/4/97 Requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to submit a report to the Regional Council of Rural Counties, and to the Chairs of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee and the Assembly Utilities and Commerce

Amended: 7/9/97

Committee, by July 1, 1998, on recommendations for legislation relating to aggregation of electrical purchases by small rural counties. Urgency Measure.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/25/97; Chapter 479, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 318 (Thompson) Sponsor: California Farm Bureau Federation, California Rice Industry Association and Rice Producers of California

Subject:

Air Pollution: Rice Straw Burning

Intro: 2/11/97 Specifies the number of acres that may be burned in specified spring and fall months through the year 2000, and would revise the conditions and procedures that apply after the

Amended:

year 2000. The ARB is required to administer a demonstration program for the

9/8/97

development of new rice straw technologies through the awarding of grants from the Rice

Straw Demonstration Project Fund.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/7/97; Chapter 745, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 320 (Senate Housing and Land Use Committee) Sponsor: Committee

Subject:

Housing and Land Use Omnibus Act of 1997

Intro: 2/11/97 Corrects technical and code cleanup problems discovered by builders, planners, and housing advocates with the State statutes that affect housing, land use, and redevelopment issues. The bill includes legislative intent regarding the authority of local agencies when

Amended: 9/4/97

rice straw-bales are used as an alternative construction method.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 9/29/97; Chapter 580, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 458 (Peace) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Agencies: Mail: Disclosure of Personal Information

Intro: 7/1/97 Amended: Prohibits a State agency, including the California State University, from sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains personal information about the individual unless the personal information is contained within sealed correspondence and

9/5/97

cannot be viewed from the outside of that sealed correspondence.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97, Chapter 685, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 492 (Rosenthal) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Agencies and Regulatory Boards: Internet.

Intro: 2/20/97 Amended:

7/22/97

Requires specified boards, programs and departments within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Department of Real Estate, on or before January 1, 1999, to provide public information on the Internet, including, but not limited to, information relative to suspensions and revocations of licenses issued by the State agency or regulatory board and other related

enforcement actions taken against persons, businesses, or facilities subject to licensure or regulation by a State agency or regulatory board. The bill would not effect the CIVMB because it is not one of the specified agencies required by the bill to post information on its

Internet site.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; Chapter 661, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 504 (Johnston) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Administrative Law: Written Communication

Intro: 2/20/97 Requires, as part of the Administrative Procedure Act, that interested parties submitting written communications to a State agency in quasi-judicial proceedings indicate the name of the person who paid for the production of that communication. The bill authorizes a State

Amended: 6/16/97

agency to refuse or ignore a written communication submitted by attorneys in a quasi-judicial proceeding unless the written communication clearly indicates the client in the proceeding.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State 8/4/97, Chapter 192, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 660 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Hazardous Waste Management: Hazardous Waste Management: Hazardous

Substance Response Actions: Fees

Intro: 2/25/97 Enacts the Environmental Cleanup and Fee Reform Act of 1997 that would, among other

things, restructure and simplify the existing hazardous waste fee system.

Amended:

9/10/97 Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 870, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No;

SB 675 (Costa) Sponsor: Browning and Ferris Industries

Subject:

Air Pollution: Odors

2/25/97

9/2/97

Intro: Extends, until four years from the effective date of this bill, current provisions in law which

Amended:

delegate primary regulatory responsibility for compost facility odors to local enforcement agencies (LEAs). The bill requires an air district to report compost facility odor complaints to a LEA within 24 hours or by the next working day. SB 675 requires: 1) the CIWMB to convene a working group on or before April 1, 1998, to assist in the implementation of the exemption; 2) the CIWMB and the working group to take specified actions by April 1, 1999; and 3) the CIWMB to implement, by January 1, 2000, recommendations of the working

group that the CIWMB determines to be appropriate. Urgency Measure.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/8/97; Chapter 788, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 1034 (Maddy) Sponsor: Bioclean Industries

Subject:

Health Facilities and Services: Medical Waste: Trauma Scene Waste Management

Intro: 2/27/97 Amended:

8/29/97

Enacts the Trauma Scene Waste Management Act to regulate businesses that clean up locations contaminated by blood or other specified bodily fluids. The bill requires the DHS to regulate the waste management activities of these businesses, requires these businesses to register with DHS and requires DHS to generate a list of registered companies, which would

be available to all local health officers and administrators. Additionally, SB 1034 provides

that the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development have plan review responsibilities for the construction or alteration of surgical clinics and chronic dialysis clinics.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/7/97; Chapter 732, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No: Subject: SB 1066 (Sher) Sponsors: City of San Jose, League of California Cities and Californians Against Waste

Solid Waste: Market Development

Intro: 2/27/97 Amended: 9/8/97 Authorizes the CIWMB to grant single or multiyear extensions to achieve the goals of the Integrated Waste Management Act (Chapter 1095, Statutes of 1989). The bill requires the CIWMB to consider specified circumstances in deciding whether to grant an alternative

source reduction, recycling, and composting requirement. It requires the Market Development Plan developed by the CIWMB to include efforts to encourage and promote cooperative, regional programs to expand markets for recycled materials, and include activities to address problems and opportunities that are unique to rural, urban, and suburban areas of the state. SB 1066 requires the CIWMB to develop a plan to provide assistance to local agencies in the implementation of cost-effective programs that provide a quality supply of recycled materials for markets. The bill authorizes the CIWMB to develop a program to increase the use of compost products in agricultural applications. It requires the CIWMB, the TCA, and the Treasurer to coordinate activities that will leverage financing for market development projects and encourage joint activities to strengthen markets for recycled materials. SB 1066 requires the CIWMB to assist market development efforts by local agencies and the private sector, to use data resources collected from recycling, composting and disposal activities, or from other sources, and to provide periodic information on the recovery and availability of recycled materials. Finally, the bill requires the CIWMB, by September 1, 1998, to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that details

specified matters regarding regulations and procedures concerning recycling by state agencies.

Status:

Bill No:

SB 1273 (Hurtt) Sponsor: Author State Agencies: Electronic Mail

Subject: Intro:

2/28/97

Authorizes State agencies, including the CIWMB, to send notices and other material by electronic mail, at the request of the recipient. The bill authorizes a State agency to require that direct costs incurred by the agency involving the electronic transmission of requested

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information shall be paid by the requester.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; Chapter 687, Statutes of 1997.

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/6/97; Chapter 672, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 1305 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Public Utilities

Intro: 2/28/97 Establishes a program under which entities offering electric services disclose accurate, reliable, and simple to understand information on the generation attributes of the electricity

Amended:

that they propose to sell. The bill requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in conjunction with the ARB and affected air districts, to issue a

9/8/97

report to the Legislature assessing air emission effects of electric utility restructuring by June

1, 1999,.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/9/97; Chapter 796, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 1320 (Sher) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Protection

Intro: 2/28/97 Requires Cal/EPA or Cal/EPA boards, offices, and departments to enter into agreements with external scientific entities for review of the scientific basis for proposed regulations that are designed to protect public health or the environment. The bill requires boards, offices, and departments to amend proposed regulations in accordance with the comments of the

Amended: 8/11/97

scientific entity or explain the scientific foundation for agency actions that are contrary to the

comments of the scientific entity. Budget trailer bill.

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 8/18/97; Chapter 295, Statutes of 1997.

Bill No:

SB 1330 (Lockyer) Sponsor: Cattlemen's Association

Subject:

Solid Waste: Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Abatement: Grant Program

Intro: 2/28/97 Requires the CIWMB to create a program of grants to cities and counties to cover the costs

of cleaning up solid waste illegally disposed on farm or ranch property.

Amended: 9/12/97

Status:

Chaptered by the Secretary of State on 10/12/97; Chapter 875, Statutes of 1997.

Vetoed Bills

Bill No:

AB 84 (Woods) Sponsor: California Rice Industry Association & Rice Producers

Association

Subject:

State Contracts: Recycled Products Preferences

Intro: 12/23/96 Amended: 6/24/97 Would have required State agencies to give a price preference, not to exceed 10 percent, to products manufactured with rice straw. Additionally, the bill would have required the CIWMB to implement this price preference program by July 1, 1998. The CIWMB could not expend

more than \$110,000 from the Integrated Waste Management Fund to implement this

program, of which no more than \$10,000 is allowed for administrative costs for the program. This program would have become inoperative on the date that the CIWMB has expended \$100,000 for funding claims. Additionally, AB 84 would have required the DGS to require the persons with whom they contract to use, to the maximum extent economically feasible in the

performance of the contract work, these products.

Status:

Vetoed by the Governor on 10/10/97.

Veto Message: In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... While the intent of the bill may have merit, I am concerned that the bill may be premature. Last year, I signed AB 3345 (Chapter 991, 1996) which requires the Waste Board to complete a study on uses of agricultural wastes, including rice straw, by January 1, 2000. I believe that any new program involving the use of agricultural wastes should await completion of that study, In addition, there appears to be no basis to elevate rice straw products to a higher status for price preferences, as past price preferences claims programs have not been successful. Further, the bill would result in a significant unfunded cost to the Waste Board which would adversely impact existing high-priority programs such a permitting, enforcement and education."

Bill No:

AB 179 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Public Records

Intro: 1/30/97 Amended: 9/9/97

would have specified that electronic access to identifiable public records shall not be construed to permit public access to records held by the DMV or the CHP. The bill would have expressly stated that an elected member or officer of any State or local agency is entitled to access to public records of that agency on the same basis as any other person. The bill would have limited the authorization to apply for judicial relief under the California Public Records Act to persons who submitted a written request for a public record and that request was denied or the agency to which the request was directed has failed to respond in a timely manner.

Would have provided for public inspection of public records and copying in all forms, and

Status:

Vetoed by the Governor on 10/12/97.

Veto Message: In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... This bill creates a new inflexible mandate by requiring the agency to provide the electronic data in the form requested, unless it is "unreasonable" to do so, without ever defining the breadth of that exemption, thereby leaving it open to litigation. A request that an electronic record is provided in a particular form may require additional expense, burden, and time to segregate the public data from the exempt data, but the bill provides no guidance whether or to what extent that additional burden makes it "unreasonable."

Additionally the Governor stated, "...Agencies should make available to the public all documents to which public access is granted. But we need not add costs and rigidity to these obligations by specifying the form in which it will be done."

Bill No:

AB 705 (Strom-Martin) Sponsor: Californians Against Waste

Subject:

State Recycling

Intro: 2/26/97

Amended: 9/5/97

Would have required, upon the request of a local agency, that any State agency declare to what extent it intends to utilize programs or facilities established by the local agency for the handling, diversion, and disposal of solid waste. If the State agency did not intend to utilize those established programs or facilities the bill would have required the State agency to identify sufficient disposal capacity for waste that is not source reduced, recycled, or composted. Additionally, AB 705 would have reenacted provisions of law that required all State agencies to purchase certain recycled products if they meet quality and cost

considerations. The bill would have included building and construction materials, outdoor furniture, and landscaping materials within the definition of recycled products for purposes of

procurement requirements for State agencies.

Status:

Vetoed by the Governor on 10/4/97.

Veto Message: In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...this bill states that upon the request of the local agency, any state agency shall declare to what extent it intends to utilize programs or facilities established by the local agency for the disposal of solid waste. If the state agency declines to utilize the locally established program or facility, it is required to identify sufficient disposal capacity for its resulting waste. Although this immediately follows the intent language about state and local agencies working together, this section provides nearly unlimited authority for local agencies to require a state agency to respond to this burdensome request. As written, the provision is broad, undefined in critical areas, and displays a lack of respect for the overall sovereignty of state agencies and a lack of understanding of state agency operations and of relevant codes and regulations."

Bill No:

AB 1055 (Villaraigosa) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Intro: 2/27/97

Amended: 9/9/97

Would have enacted the Playground Safety and Recycling Act of 1997. The Act would have established, until July 1, 2001, the playground safety and recycling grant program administered by SDE, in consultation with DHS. The purpose of AB 1055 was to provide grants to local agencies to upgrade and improve local playgrounds. Additionally, the bill would have provided as a condition for a local agency to be eligible for grant funds, that

Playground Equipment and Facilities: Grant Program: Safety: Recycled Materials

funds would be used for the improvement or replacement of playground equipment or facilities through the use of recycled materials. Urgency Measure.

Status: Veto

Vetoed by the Governor on 10/12/97.

Message:

In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... A state-funded grant program is unnecessary. Playground facilities are an integral plan of the school infrastructure. Any installation, upgrades, repairs, or replacements may be done in the course of regular operations, based upon the individual school's priorities, and utilizing funding already

provided through a variety of sources."

Bill No:

AB 1157 (Wayne) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Hazardous Waste: Variance

Intro:

2/28/97 Amended: Would have required the DTSC to issue a public notice not less than 30 days immediately preceding the date of the proposed granting of the hazardous waste variance, unless the issuance of the variance was immediately required to protect human health or the

7/18/97

environment.

Status: Veto

Vetoed by the Governor on 9/21/97.

Message:

In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...enactment of AB 1157 would increase costs for businesses by unnecessarily impeding business operations for an additional 30 days, without providing any demonstrated level of health and safety benefits beyond the

existing requirements.'

Bill No: AB 1293 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author Subject: Geographic Information Systems

Intro: Would have enacted the Strategic Geographic Information Investment Act of 1997. It would have required the Resources Agency to establish a Geographic Information Systems Panel (GISP) responsible for implementing a grant program and the Geographic Information Grant Fund (GIGF) to serve as an alternative source of funds for public agencies to create and

maintain geographic information data bases.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 10/10/97.

Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...Among other concerns, it is counterintuitive to create an advisory panel with seven or more members, pay their travel and per
diem and call the action government efficiency. This is particularly true when most of the

goals of this program are achievable under existing law. In short, this bill is unnecessary and

creates an infrastructure to accomplish what can be done in its absence."

Bill No: SB 74 (Kopp) Sponsor: California Newspaper Publishers Association

Subject: Records

Intro: Would have provided for public inspection of public records and copying of all forms, as specified. The bill would have clarified that nothing shall limit the ability of elected members or officers of any State or local agency to access public records permitted by law in the

Amended: or officers of any State or local agency to access public records permitted by law in the

8/11/97 administration of their duties.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 9/12/97.

Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...This bill creates a new inflexible mandate

Message: by requiring the agency to provide the electronic data in the form requested, unless it is

"unreasonable" to do so, without ever defining the breadth of that exemption, thereby leaving it open to litigation. A request that an electronic record is provided in a particular form may require additional expense, burden, and time to segregate the public data from the exempt data, but the bill provides no guidance whether or to what extent that additional burden makes it 'unreasonable.' Agencies should make available to the public all documents

to which public access is granted. But we need not add costs and rigidity to these

obligations by specifying the form in which it will be done."

Bill No: SB 451 (Watson) Sponsor: California State Bar
Subject: Land Use: General Plans: Environmental Equity

Intro: Would have required the local governments' general plans to provide for the general location of commercial and industrial land uses that are regulated because of handling of hazardous materials to avoid concentrating these uses in close proximity to schools or residential communities and to provide for the fair treatment of people, regardless of race, culture or

income level.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 9/28/97.

Veto In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...The process to site and develop a solid Message: and/or hazardous waste facility is an intensive exercise in environmental documentation,

geographical consideration, public hearings, and state and local permitting procedures. The law presently contains an abundance of planning requirements, including provision of extensive public hearings to address environmental and other land use planning concerns that include and exceed those contained in this bill. Specifically, regular periodic amendment of local community general plans is required by law to be made in compliance with the extensive projects of CEQA. This bill will add nothing of practical value to the present extensive and rigorous protections and planning requirements demanded by existing law."

Bill No:

SB 1113 (Solis) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Quality: Minority and Low-Income Populations

Intro: 2/28/97 Would have required the Office of Planning and Research, by January 1, 2000, to

2/20/9/ Amondod recommend changes to the CEQA guidelines to provide for the identification and mitigation by public agencies of disproportionately high and adverse environmental effects of projects

Amended: 7/11/97

on minority populations and low-income populations. The bill would have required the

Secretary of Resources Agency to certify and adopt those recommended changes by

January 1, 2000.

Status:

Vetoed by the Governor on 10/4/97.

Veto Message: In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "... The state environmental laws do not provide separate, less stringent requirements, or lower standards in minority and low-income communities. Environmental laws are, and should remain, color-blind. The California Environmental Quality Act was not designed to be used as a tool for a social movement. The California Environmental Quality Act is a cumbersome process and any changes made to it should be to streamline the current process, not add new requirements that will only

negatively affect the economy and the people of this state."

Bill No:

SB 1179 (Polanco) Sponsor: Browning and Ferris Industries

Subject:

Solid Waste Enterprise: Indemnity Obligation: Diversion Penalty

Intro: 2/28/97 Would have restricted the ability of local government to impose monetary penalties on solid waste enterprises for the enterprises' failure to meet solid waste diversion mandates

specified in the Integrated Waste Management Act.

Amended: 8/28/97

Status:

Vetoed by the Governor on 10/13/97.

Veto Message: In his veto message, the Governor stated that, "...To assert that solid waste management enterprises cannot indemnify losses based upon their own breach without the state's intervention to negotiate the terms of the agreement is ludicrous on its face. Thousands of contracts incorporate performance provisions that offer incentives or impose specific damages. These contracts are routinely drafted and enforced without government intervention.

When government ventures into the arena of contractual negotiations it is generally to protect an obviously disadvantaged party. In this instance it appears that the state is being asked to protect the industry from itself. Indeed there is significant evidence that the industry is responsible for the proliferation of waste diversion indemnification agreements. Various solid waste management providers have offered to indemnify prospective clients to gain an advantage in a competitive marketplace.

The problem contemplated in SB 1179 is prospective in that no solid waste enterprise has ever been asked to indemnify a local governmental agency for waste diversion penalties because no such penalties have ever been imposed. In addition, my recent signing of SB 1066 (Sher), which authorizes waste diversion variances and time extensions, makes it significantly less likely that diversion penalties will be imposed precipitously.

Nonetheless, it's arguable that local government agencies should be precluded from shifting responsibility for their own failure to comply with state law even to a willing solid waste enterprise.

I would accordingly be willing to consider legislation which clearly, concisely and prospectively provides that a solid waste enterprise may not indemnify a governmental agency by obligating itself to pay waste diversion penalties unrelated to its own performance.

Dead Bills

Joint Rule 56: Bills introduced during the first year of the Session, which fail to get out of their House where they were introduced by January 31st of the second year of the Session, are considered dead.

Bill No:

AB 306 (Kaloogian) Sponsor: Intelligen, Inc.

Subject:

Public Utilities: Electrical Restructuring

Intro:

Would include microcogeneration as one of the described changes in usage for the

2/14/97

uneconomic costs applied to each customer based on the amount of electricity purchased by the customer from an electrical corporation or alternate supplier of electricity, subject to

changes in usage occurring in the normal course of business.

Status:

Referred to Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No.

AB 362 (Bowen) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Advertising

Intro: 2/19/97 Would make it unlawful to represent a manufactured or distributed consumer good as "ozone friendly," biodegradable or photodegradable unless that product meets certain

Amended: 5/22/97

definitions. In addition, this bill would specify that if the Federal Trade Commission adopts trade rules defining environmental marketing terms, these rules could be used in lieu of the definitions in this bill. Finally, it would require a product labeled as "recycled" to list the amount of postconsumer waste the product contains without specified percentages.

Status:

Failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/7/97; reconsideration

granted; failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/21/97; reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Assembly Appropriations Committee

(6-8) on 5/28/97; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

AB 375 (Firestone) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Solid Waste: Tires: Tire Wholesalers: Tire Recovery Programs

Intro: 2/19/97 Amended: 5/27/97

Would require an amount equal to 50 cents to be paid by each motor vehicle manufacturer and each tire wholesaler for every new tire that is sold, used, or transferred in California; and would establish a tire recycling reimbursement program until June 30, 2002. The bill would require all State agencies to give a purchase preference to asphalt pavement containing recycled rubber, and would prescribe minimum combined State agency utilization requirements for asphalt pavement containing recycled rubber. AB 375 would require the CIWMB, as part of its annual budget request, to allocate funds requested for

grants, loans, and contracts under the tire recycling program. Finally, the bill would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature because the charge levied against tire wholesalers and motor vehicle manufacturers would be classified as a State tax.

Status:

Failed passage on the Assembly Floor (20-41) on 6/2/97; author granted reconsideration;

sent to the Assembly Floor Inactive File; *Joint 56 Rule invoked.

Bill No:

AB 529 (Baldwin) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Funds

Intro: 2/24/97 Would provide that specified Budget Act revenues shall be deposited in the General Fund and not be expended unless the Legislature authorizes that expenditure in the Budget Act or in other legislation for the performance of special audits and investigations by the State

Amended: 5/5/97

Status:

Failed passage before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee (4-5) on 6/17/97; reconsideration granted; failed passage before the Senate Governmental Organization

Committee (2-3) on 7/1/97.

Bill No:

AB 733 (Washington) Sponsor: California State Bar

Subject:

Hazardous Materials: Hazardous and Solid Waste: Public Education

Intro: 2/26/97 Would require the Director of DTSC to develop for grades K-12 a public education program, providing curricula on hazardous materials and hazardous and solid waste facilities, and a

Amended:

statewide public education campaign to meet those objectives.

1/5/98 Status:

Set to be heard before the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

on 1/13/98; hearing cancelled at the request of the author.

Bill No:

AB 775 (Martinez) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Public Agencies: State Funds

Intro: 2/26/97 Would require a public agency, upon a court determination that it knowingly violated a State law or local ordinance relating to sexual discrimination, to return any State or local funds that it has received but not yet expended and would provide that the public agency is

Amended: 4/16/97

ineligible to receive additional State or local funds until it is in compliance with the State law

or ordinance.

Status:

Failed passage before the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency, and Economic Development Committee (3-0) on 4/22/97: author granted reconsideration; Joint

Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

AB 1111 (Martinez) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Bid Announcements: Criteria and Specifications

Intro: 2/27/97 Would require a public entity, in awarding a contract pursuant to a public bidding process, to accept the lowest responsible bid that most closely follows the criteria or specifications, or both, contained within the announcement for bids, or reject all bids and initiate a new announcement, containing new criteria or specifications, or both, and a new bidding

process.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic

Development Committee.

Bill No:

AB 1170 (Kaloogian) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Regulatory Agencies Created by Statutes: Review

Intro: 2/28/97 Would require the Bureau of State Audits, by January 1, 2004, to conduct a performance audit of each State regulatory agency, with specified exceptions. After the audit is

Amended:

complete, the bill would require the Bureau to hold a public hearing to review the report and

5/1/97 Status: require a copy of the report to be made available to the Legislature and the Governor. Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the

Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill No:

AB 1179 (Woods) Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance

Subject: Intro:

Watershed Rehabilitation and Restoration: Statewide Plan

2/28/97 Amended: Among other things, would require CDF, in consultation with relevant Federal, State, and local agencies, including, but not limited to, the DFG, the SWRCB and the biomass power industry, to develop a strategic statewide plan to promote the rehabilitation and restoration

5/5/97

of significant State watersheds.

Status:

Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the

Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/30/97.

Bill No:

AB 1273 (Woods) Sponsor: CIWMB

Subject:

Solid Waste Management

intro:

Would make a number of technical, definitional, and code clean-up provisions regarding

2/28/97

solid waste management.

Status:

Referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Bill No:

AB 1383 (Aroner) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Private Activity Bonds

Intro: 2/28/97 Would require the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to allocate at least 85 percent of the State's ceiling on private activity bonds to housing bonds and not more than 10 percent of the State's ceiling to exempt facility bonds. The bill would authorize the

Amended: 4/21/97

Committee to reallocate unused portions of the housing bond allocation to other bonds, including exempt facility bonds.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee on 5/12/97; taken off

Calendar. The author has made this a 2-year bill; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

AB 1393 (Alquist) Sponsor: State Controller's Office State and Local Government: Performance Audits

Bill No: Subject: Intro:

Would require each State agency and authorize any county, city, city and county, or

2/28/97 Amended: community college district, to conduct a performance audit of its activities and operations in order to identify opportunities to reduce costs or duplicative of another agency within four

years of the effective date of the bill.

5/1/97 Status:

Sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/21/97; held in the

Assembly Appropriations Committee on 5/30/97.

Bill No:

AB 1409 (Baugh) Sponsor: Caltrans

Subject:

Governmental Tort Liability

Intro: 2/28/97

Would revise the definition of dangerous condition for the purposes of governmental tort liability to apply to a condition of property that creates substantial risk of injury when that property or adjacent property is used with due care by all persons necessary for that risk of

injury to occur and in a manner in which it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be used.

Set to be heard before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on 1/13/98; taken off Calendar;

Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

Status:

AB 1512 (Shelley) Sponsor: Californians Against Waste

Subject:

Beverage Containers: Recycling: Beverages

Intro: 2/28/97 Would expand the types of containers that qualify under the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. The bill would require the DOC on or after March 1, 1998, to deposit specified revenue received as the result of the inclusion of newly-defined beverage containers into the continuously appropriated California Beverage Container

Amended: 5/5/97

Recycling Fund.

Status:

Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (7-4) on 4/21/97; referred to the

Assembly Appropriations Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 58 (Ayala) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

State Agencies Legislation

Intro: 12/5/96 Would require every State agency that may be significantly affected by a bill to prepare an analysis of the bill and deliver that analysis to the bill's author and each policy committee set to hear that bill no later than seven calendar days prior to the first hearing in that

committee.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on 7/7/97; taken

off Calendar; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 179 (Hughes) Sponsor: Glass Packaging Institute

Subject:

Processing Fees

Intro: 1/22/97 Would make nonsubstantive technical changes in California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act provisions relating to imposition of the processing fee that is

Amended:

effective until January 1, 1999.

5/14/97

Status:

Referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 209 (Kopp) Sponsor: California Law Revision Commission

Subject:

Judicial Review: Governmental Agency Actions

Intro:

Would repeal and add provisions relating to governing judicial review of decisions of State agencies, local agencies, public corporations, and specified nongovernmental entities

1/28/97 Amended:

(hospital boards, etc.).

1/5/98

Status: Failed passage before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 1/13/98.

Bill No:

SB 261 (Kopp) Sponsor: California Law Revision Commission

Subject:

Judicial Review: Government Agency Actions

Intro:

Would make judicial review of specified State agency and local agency actions subject to the provisions being added by SB 209 (becomes operative only if SB 209, above, is

2/5/97 Amended:

enacted into law).

1/5/98

Status: Failed passage before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 1/13/98.

Bill No:

SB 423 (Hurtt) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Audit Reports: Privilege: Voluntary Noncompliance Disclosure:

Immunity

Intro:

Would enact the Environmental Audit Privilege and Voluntary Noncompliance Disclosure

2/18/97

Act of 1997.

Status:

Failed passage before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee (3-6) on 4/21/97;

author granted reconsideration.

Bill No:

SB 424 (Hurtt) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Quality

Intro:

Would require an environmental impact report only on projects that are likely to have a

2/18/97

significant effect on the environment.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; taken off

Calendar; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 647 (Brulte) Sponsor: California Manufacturers Association

Subject:

Environmental Requirements

Intro: 2/25/97

Would prohibit the assessment of any civil or administrative sanction against any person who fully discloses a minor violation of an environmental requirement to the regulatory

agency having jurisdiction over the matter.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 4/21/97; hearing put over. The author has made this a 2-year bill; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 774 (Johannessen) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Restoration of Land: Disasters: CEQA Exemption

Intro: 2/26/97

Would provide that land and any appurtenant structures, as defined, in need of repairs due to any natural or manmade disaster or an emergency are exempt from CEQA and any other environmental review for purposes of restoring the land and any appurtenant structures to the state in which they existed immediately prior to the natural or manmade disaster or emergency if an application for an exemption is made within a specified period of time.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 878 (Karnette) Sponsor: City of Lakewood

Subject:

Solid Waste: Diversion Requirements: Waste to Energy Credit

Intro: 2/26/97 Amended:

1/12/98

Would authorize a city, county, or regional agency to submit to the CIWMB a revised source reduction and recycling element that includes diversion waste credit through waste to energy to be applied toward the 50% diversion requirement if specified conditions are met, including that the waste to energy credit results from utilization of only the facilities in the cities of Commerce and Long Beach and Stanislaus County, as permitted by the CIWMB

and as operational on or before January 1, 1990. Urgency Measure.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 1/12/98; held in

Committee.

Bill No:

SB 906 (Lee) Sponsor: Black Lawyers of the State Bar

Subject:

Hazardous Waste Management Plans

Intro: 2/27/97 Among other things, would require the county plan to include an analysis of the expected rates of hazardous waste production until 1999, and would additionally require the county plan to include specified information regarding the demographics of the community within a

Amended: 4/3/97

10-mile radius of each hazardous waste stream and facility, and the consideration of

specified environmental equity goals.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on 1/12/98; hearing cancelled at the request of the author; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 1000 (Rosenthal) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Future California Act of 1998

Intro: 2/27/97 Would, among other things, establish the Future California Act of 1998, a venue to examine the State's future in its many dimensions, including demography, industry, environment,

Amended:

policy, international relations and development.

4/23/97 Status:

Sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on 5/19/97; held in the Senate

Appropriations Committee on 5/29/97.

Bill No:

SB 1018 (Leslie) Sponsor: California Cattlemen's Association

Subject:

Private Property: Illegal Dumping

Intro: 2/27/97

Would provide that in any case involving illegal dumping or littering of waste material on private property located adjacent to a public road, highway or right-of-way without the consent of the private property owner, the private property owner shall neither be liable for the cost of the cleanup of illegally dumped or littered waste material, nor have the duty to

provide for such cleanup.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 1093 (Rainey) Sponsor: Governance Consensus Project

Subject:

State Budget: Performance Measures

Intro: 2/28/97 Would declare that the State budget shall focus on the results of government services at the State and local levels, that State and local government officials are required to respect existing program evaluation requirements and program performance measures, and that outcome measures are to be realistic and commensurate with the revenue levels for each

program. Urgency Measure.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

Bill No:

SB 1114 (Solis) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Land Use: Development Permits

Intro: 2/28/97

Would require the OPA, in the TCA, to provide information to State and local agencies, as well as to applicants for development projects, to assist them in meeting the requirements

Amended:

4/2/97 Status:

Sent to the Senate Floor Inactive File on 5/22/97; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 1117 (Hayden) Sponsor: Author

Subject:

Environmental Quality: Judicial Review: Public Utilities

Intro: 2/28/97 Would express the intent of the Legislature that judicial reviews of decisions by State agencies, including the PUC, relating to CEQA, conform to the provisions of that act.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Rules Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 1157 (Maddy) Sponsor: Department of Conservation

Subject: Intro: 2/28/97 Beverage Containers: Nonprofit Dropoff Programs: Market-Based Recycling
Would repeal the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act as of
January 1, 1999. The bill would enact the California Market-Based Beverage Container
Recycling and Litter Reduction Act and declare the intent of the Legislature in regards to

Amended: 4/17/97

this new act.

of CEQA.

Status:

Set to be heard before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife on 4/22/97; hearing put

over; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 1216 (Costa) Sponsor: California Biomass Energy Alliance

Subject:

Biomass Energy

Intro:

Would make a statement of legislative intent relating to financial assistance to the biomass power industry. Urgency Measure.

2/28/97

Amended:

5/28/97 Status:

Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee (6-0) on 5/21/97; referred to the

Senate Appropriations Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

Bill No:

SB 1341 (Costa) Sponsor: Author.

Subject:

Solid Waste: Local Enforcement Agencies: Appeals

Intro: 2/28/97 Would authorize the CIWMB, on appeal, to overturn an enforcement action by a LEA if the CIWMB finds, based on substantial evidence, that "inaction" on the part of the LEA was

inconsistent with the Integrated Waste Management Act.

Status:

Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee; Joint Rule 56 invoked.

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Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1997

Would increase penalties and strengthen enforcement of environmental crimes.

Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; joint referral to the House Committees on Judiciary, Commerce, Agriculture, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 316 (Solomon, R-NY)

Hazardous Waste Recycling Tax Credit Act of 1997

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable income tax credit for the recycling of hazardous waste.

Status: Introduced January 7, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 360 (Towns, D-NY)

Waste Export and Import Prohibition Act

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the international export and import of certain solid waste.

Status: Introduced on January 7, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 674 (Delay,)

ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act

Would reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act_(ISTEA) law to authorize funds for construction of highways, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 688 (Schaefer, Dan, R-CO)

Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; joint referral to the House Committees on Commerce; and Ways and Means; cleared for full committee by Finance and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee (by voice vote) on 3/20/97; passed the Floor of the House by voice vote on 4/23/97; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HR 712 (Delauro, D-CT)

National Infrastructure Development Act of 1997

Would facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects, including solid waste facilities, and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Corporation.

Status: Introduced on February 12, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 843 (Ford, D-TN)

Location of Hazardous Waste Near Certain Properties, Prohibition

Would prohibit the location of solid and hazardous waste facilities near residential, day care, church, and school properties.

Status: Introduced on February 26, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 873 (Greenwood, R-PA)

Land Recycling Act of 1997

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to limit Federal authority for response action for release subject to State voluntary response program, to provide protection for prospective purchasers of land, and for innocent landowners.

Status: Introduced on February 27, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 942 (Franks, Bob, R-NJ)

Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997; Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 943 (Franks, Bob, R-NJ)

Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to control the movement of municipal solid waste to waste management facilities within the boundaries of the State or within the boundaries of political subdivisions of the State.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 979 (Kennelly, D-CT)

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of private activity that may be issued in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 996 (Weller, R-IL)

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to finance environmental remediation of contaminated sites.

Status: Introduced on March 6, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 997 (Weller, R-IL)

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow expensing and rapid amortization of certain environmental remediation expenditures.

Status: Introduced on March 6, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1041 (Kennedy, Patrick, D-RI)

Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment (Tires)

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide grants to States to stabilize and remove large tire piles that are near drinking water sources and sensitive populations.

Status: Introduced on March 12, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1120 (Dingell, D-MI)

Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1997

Would assist local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to encourage State voluntary response programs for remediating such sites, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on March 19, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1158 (Frelinghuysen, R-NJ)

Superfund Liability Exemption for Local Educational Agencies Act

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to restrict the liability under that act of local educational agencies for the amount and toxicity of solid waste generated by those agencies.

Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1199 (Souder, R-IN)

Common Sense Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting and Permitting Act of 1997

Would protect residents and localities from irresponsibly sited hazardous waste facilities. Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1206 (Visclosky, D-IN)

Program of Voluntary Environmental Cleanups by States, Requirement

Would require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which States may be certified to carry out voluntary environmental cleanup programs for low and medium priority sites to protect human health and the environment and promote economic development.

Status: Introduced on March 20, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1270 (Upton, R-MI)

Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Amendment

Would amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to provide for the building of an interim high level nuclear waste storage facility at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Status: Introduced on April 10, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce, the House committee on Resources, and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; public mark-up held by the House Energy and Power Subcommittee on July 31, 1997; public mark-up held by the House Committee on Commerce on September 18, 1997; report filed by the House Committee on Commerce on October 1, 1997; ordered reported unfavorably by the House Committee on Resources on October 8, 1997; report filed House Committee on Resources on October 21, 1997; received in the Senate, after passage in the House of Representatives and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar on February 23, 1998..

HR 1346 (Gilchrest, R-MD)

State and Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1358 (Buyer, R-IN)

Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1359 (Defazio, D-OR)

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Amendment

Would amend the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a means to support programs for electric energy conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and universal and affordable service for electric consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from nontoxic organic waste, biomass, dedicated energy crops, landfill gas, geothermal, solar, tidal and wind resources, except that such term does not include electricity generated from the incineration of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1392 (Regula, R-OH)

Brownfields Reuse and Real Estate Development Act

Would require the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which States may be certified to carry out voluntary environmental cleanup programs and to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 regarding the liability of landowners and prospective purchasers.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1393 (Rivers, D-MI)

Toxic Substances Control Act, Amendment

Would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to establish certain requirements regarding the approval of facilities for the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1395 (Rothman, D-NJ)

Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997

Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 17, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 1462 (Visclosky, D-IN)

Pilot Program for Revolving Loans for Cleanup of Brownfield Sites, Establishment

Would authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot project providing loans to States to establish revolving loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in distressed areas that have the potential to attract private investment and create local employment. Status: Introduced on April 24, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1506 (Velazquez, D-NY)

Community Environmental Equity Act

Would amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit discrimination regarding exposure to hazardous substances.

Status: Introduced on April 30, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1576 (Stark, D-CA)

Continuation of Operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center, Provision

Would provide for the continuation of the operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center.

Status: Introduced on May 8, 1997; joint referral to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and the House Committee on Science.

HR 1586 (Rivers, D-MI)

National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers, to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs, and for other purposes. Status: Introduced on May 13, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 1609 (Molinari, R-NY)

ISTEA Reauthorization Act of 1997; Federal Transit Act of 1997

Would reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and for other purposes. Status: Introduced on May 14, 1997; joint referral to House Committee on Transportation and

Infrastructure and House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1697 (Rivers, D-MI)

Impact of NAFTA on Job Loss and the Environment, Assessment

Would assess the impact of the North American Free-Trade Agreement on domestic job loss and the environment, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on May 21, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 1839 (White, R-WA)

National Requirements for Titling of Salvage, Nonrepairable, and Rebuilt Vehicles, Establishment Would establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles. Describes responsibilities of professional automotive recyclers or professional scrap processors.

Status: Introduced on June 10, 1997; joint-referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on the Judiciary; public hearing held by Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee on June 26, 1997; cleared for full committee, as amended, by the Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee; report filed by the House Committee on Commerce, discharged from the House Committee on the Judiciary and placed on the House Union Calendar on September 30, 1997; received in the Senate, after passage in the House; referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HR 1960 (Markey, D-MA)

Electric Power Competition and Consumer Choice Act of 1977

Would modernize the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the Federal Power Act, the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote competition in the electric power industry. Would provide for electric industry restructuring; would establish pollution standards and a renewable energy credit trading system, and create a safety net for low-income consumers.

Status: Introduced on June 19, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce; public hearing held by House Energy and Power Subcommittee on October 21 and 22, 1997.

HR 2102 (Talent, R-MO)

Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, Amendment

Would amend the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 to repeal the sunset of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ombudsman, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on June 26, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 2451 (Moran, Jim, D-VA)

Protection of Children from Certain Environmental Pollutants, Provision

Would protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to certain environmental pollutants, and for other purposes.

Introduced on September 10, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce. Status:

HR 2485 (Stupak, D-MI)

Common Sense Superfund Liability Relief Act of 1997

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide liability relief for small parties, innocent landowners, and prospective purchasers.

Status: Introduced on September 16, 1997; joint-referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 2516 (Bond, Kit, R-MO)

Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, Extension

Would extend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 through March 31, 1998. The bill would "advance" states highway and transit money only until a six-year ISTEA reauthorization bill is cleared.

Status:

Introduced on September 23, 1997; referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; report filed by House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (H. Rept. 105-270) on September 25, 1997; Passed the House and referred to the U.S, Senate on October 1, 1997.

HR 2654 (Greenwood, R-PA)

Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit States and political subdivisions to control the disposal of out-of-State municipal solid waste within their boundaries.

Status: Introduced on October 9, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

HR 2727 (Boehlert, R-NY)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and reform the Superfund program, and for other purposes. Under the bill, generators and transporters of municipal solid waste would be exempted from Superfund's liability scheme. Further, municipal owners and operators of codisposal sites would receive a liability cap of 10 percent for municipalities with populations under 10,000 and 20 percent for those with over 100,000 people. Status: Introduced on October 23, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means; public mark-up held and recessed by the Water

Resources and Environment Subcommittee on March 4, 1998.

HR 2733 (Tauzin, R-LA)

Superfund Recycling Equity Act

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify liability under that Act for certain recycling transactions.

Status: Introduced on October 24, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 2750 (Barcia, D-MI)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980. Status: Introduced on October 28, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 2910 (Pallone, D-NJ)

Reduction of Risk of Mercury Pollution, Provision

Would reduce the risk of mercury pollution through use reduction, increased recycling, and reduction of emissions into the environment, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 7, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce and Agriculture.

HR 2980 (Allen, D-ME)

National Beverage Container Recycling Initiative Act

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers, to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs, and for other purposes. Status: Introduced on November 9, 1997; referred to House Committee on Commerce.

HR 3000 (Oxley, R-OH)

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, Amendment Would exempt any generator or transporter who contributed only municipal solid waste to one of Superfund's National Priority List (NPL) sites; any generators or transporters who contributed small amounts of waste, to an NPL site; and any generator or transporter of waste whose wastes did not contribute significantly--which would be determined by the mobility, toxicity and amount of waste--to the cleanup costs at the site. The bill also would provide exemptions or liability limitations to any person or party that inherited contaminated land, tax-exempt organizations, certain railroad spur owners and certain construction contractors.

Status: Introduced on November 10, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means

HR 3042 (Kolbe, R-AZ)

Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1997

Would amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 13, 1997; passed the House (voice vote) and referred to the Senate on January 28, 1998; passed the Senate by unanimous consent on January 29, 1998; sent to the President on February 4, 1998; signed by the President and became law on February 11, 1998—Public Law No. 105-156.

HR 3044 (Minge, D-MN)

Distorting Subsidies Limitation Act of 1997

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that economic subsidies provided by a State or local government for a particular business to locate or remain within the government's jurisdiction shall be taxable to such business and for other purposes. Solid waste disposal facilities would be included under this Act.

Status: Introduced on November 13,1997; referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.

HR 3065 (Lofgren, D-CA)

New Environmental Monitoring Technologies, Provisions

Would direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to design and implement a performance-based measurement system to encourage the development of new environmental monitoring technologies.

Status: Introduced on November 13, 1997; joint referral to House Committees on Science, Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 3180 (Dooley, D-CA)

Innovate Strategies for Achieving Superior Environmental Performance, Provision

Would provide for innovative strategies for achieving superior environmental performance, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 1998; joint referral to the House Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

HR 3262 (Pallone, D-NJ)

Children's Protection and Community Cleanup Act of 1998.

Would reauthorize the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Status: Introduced on February 25, 1998; Joint referral to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the House Committee on Commerce.

H. Resolution 119 (Farr, D-CA)

Resolution Requiring Implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives

Would provide for the mandatory implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives.

Status: Introduce on April 16, 1997; referred to the House Committee on House Oversight.

H. Resolution 251 (Farr, D-CA)

Resolution Expressing Support for America Recycles Day

Would express support for the goals of America Recycles Day.

Status: Introduced on September 29, 1997; referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

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S 8 (Smith, Robert C., R-NH)

Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997

Would reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980. The bill would streamline cleanups, delegate authority to states and exempt all generators and transporters at co-disposal landfills, or those that mainly receive municipal solid waste and sewage sludge, for conduct prior to January 1, 1997.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on March 4 and 5, 1997.

S 18 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)

Brownfields and Environmental Cleanup Act of 1997

Would assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental cleanup programs. The bill would authorize \$10 million in grants for states and local governments to inventory and assess brownfield sites. Additionally, it would authorize \$15 million in grants for states to establish and capitalize low interest loan programs to clean up the sites and would limit the potential liability of innocent buyers of brownfields.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 104 (Murkowski, R-AK)

Nuclear Waste

Among other things, would establish Yucca Mountain as the site for an interim storage facility and would require EPA to issue standards to protect the public from radioactive leaks from a permanent nuclear waste repository.

Status: Introduced on January 21, 1997; public hearing held in Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 5, 1997; reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 14, 1997; unanimous consent agreement for consideration of the measure on the Senate Floor on April 9, 1997; passed the Senate Floor with of vote of 65-34 on April 15, 1997; referred to the House Of Representatives.

S 215 (Jeffords, R-VT)

National Beverage Container Reuse and Recycling Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require a refund value for certain beverage containers to provide resources for State pollution prevention and recycling programs.

Status: Introduced on January 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S 237 (Bumpers, D-AR)

Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1997

Would provide for retail competition by December 15, 2000, among electric energy suppliers for the benefit and protection of consumers. Would define "renewable energy" as electricity generated from solar, wind, waste, except municipal waste, biomass, hydroelectric or geothermal resources.

Status: Introduced on January 30, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 297 (Bryan (D-NV)

Nuclear Waste Independent Review Act

Would establish a presidential commission on nuclear waste.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 384 (Conrad. D-ND)

Solid Waste Disposal Act, Amendment

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow States to regulate the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside the State.

Status: Introduced on February 28, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 399 (McCain, R-AZ)

Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1997

Would amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in the National Environmental and Native American Public Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; report filed by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 31, 1997; passed as amended on the Senate Floor (unanimous consent); received in the House, after passage in the Senate on October 21, 1997.

S 443 (Baucus, D-MT)

State and Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste and for State control over transportation of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 444 (Chafee, R-RI)

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amendment (Tires)

Would amend the Internal Revenue Code to impose a tax on the manufacture and importation of tires. Would create the Waste Tire Recycling, Abatement, and Disposal Trust Fund to be made available for recycling, abatement and cleanup of waste tire piles.

Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

S 445 (Chafee, R-RI)

Waste Tire Recycling, Abatement, and Disposal Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recycling of waste tires and to ablate tire dumps and tire stockpiles.

Status: Introduced on March 14, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 448 (Robb, D-VA)

Local Government Interstate Waste Control Act

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize local governments and Governors to restrict receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on March 17, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 463 (Coats, R-IN)

Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to permit a Governor to limit the disposal of out-of-State solid waste in the Governor's State.

Status: Introduced on March 18, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 599 (Boxer, D-CA)

Children's Environmental Protection Act

Would protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to certain environmental pollutants, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 16, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 687 (Jeffords, R-VT)

Electric System Public Benefits Protection Act of 1997

Would enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes. "Renewable energy" means electricity generated from wind, organic waste (excluding incinerated municipal solid waste), or biomass or geothermal, solar thermal, or photovoltaic source.

Status: Introduced on May 1, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 899 (Dodd, D-CT)

Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1997

Would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide for flow control of municipal solid waste.

Status: Introduced on June 12, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

S 951 (Torricelli, D-NJ)

Quiet Communities Act of 1997

Would reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency. Status: Introduced on June 24, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 964 (Murkowski, R-AK)

Property Conveyance in the State of California

Would transfer land in Ward Valley, California, to the State of California, to build a low level nuclear waste dump.

Status: Introduced on June 26, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; public hearing held by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 22, 1997.

S 1173 (Warner, R-VA))

Intermodal Transportation Act of 1997; Surface Transportation Act of 1997; Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1997; Intelligent Transportation Systems Act of 1997 Would authorize funds for surface transportation, construction of highway safety programs and for mass transit programs for six years.

Status: Introduced on September 12, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; considered on the Senate Floor on October 28, 1997; failed passage because it did not reach the necessary 3/5 majority vote (52-48); placed on Senate Legislative Calendar on October 29, 1997.

S 1176 (Thomas, R-WY)

State and Local Government Participation Act of 1997

Would guarantee that Federal agencies identify State agencies and counties as cooperating agencies when fulfilling their environmental planning responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act. Status: Introduced on September 15, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 1317 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)

Environmental Health Protection Act of 1997

Would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to expand the opportunity for health protection for citizens affected by hazardous waste sites.

Status: Introduced on October 24, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 1332 (Enzi, R-WY)

State Environmental Audit Protection Act

Would amend Title 28, United States Code, to recognize and protect State efforts to improve environmental mitigation and compliance through the promotion of voluntary environmental audits, including limited protection from discovery and limited protection from penalties.

Status: Introduced on October 29, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works; hearings adjourned by Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works on October 30, 1997.

S 1348 (Lieberman, D-CT)

Innovated Environmental Strategies Act of 1997

Would provide for innovative strategies for achieving superior environmental performance.

Status: Introduced on October 30, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S 1401 (Bumpers, D-AR)

Transition to Electric Competition Act of 1997

Would provide for the transition to competition among electric energy suppliers for the benefit and protection of consumers, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 7, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S 1497 (Lautenberg, D-NJ)

Equity and Public Involvement in Superfund Act of 1997

Would release contributors of ordinary trash in minor amounts of hazardous substances from litigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on November 9, 1997; referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S RES. 116 (Levin, Carl, D-MI)

Resolution Designating "America Recycles Day"

Would designate November 15, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as "America Recycles Day."

Status: Introduced on July 31, 1997; referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

SCR 49 (Levin, Carl, D-MI)

Resolution Authorizing Use of the Capitol Grounds for "America Recycles Day"

Resolution Authorizing Use of the Capitol Grounds for "America Recycles Day" Would authorize use of the Capitol Grounds for America Recycles Day national kick-off campaign.

Status: Introduced on July 31, 1997; joint referral to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and

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